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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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The response filed on 7/17/00 electing a compound wherein R=indomethacin is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). Attention is directed to paper 6, filed 6/20/00, requiring an election of species for examination on the merits. To fulfill the requirements of the election, a medicament species must be elected. A disease species has been selected, but a single medicament species was not selected. Applicants must also elect a single medicament compound (one specific anti-incontinence compound) for examination on the merits. Applicants are additionally required to provide a claim directed to this single elected disease and medicament compound species, even though the requirement is traversed. Said claim must be directed to only the one elected species. A claim directed to multiple species, although containing the elected species, will not be responsive to the election of species requirement. Claims functional at the point of novelty fail to place one inventive species before the Examiner for examination on the merits. PCT application PCT/EP97/04774 did not have unity of invention. If applicants desire, Examiner will restrict the instant application employing unity of invention guidelines.

Applicant is given a ONE MONTH time limit or until the expiration of the response period set in the last Office action, whichever is longer, to complete the response. NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME LIMIT WILL BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR (b) but, the period for response set in the last office action may be extended up to a maximum of SIX MONTHS.

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